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J. Scott Hacker

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: October 17, 2008

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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Ronald G. Morgan

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: May 2009

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

Bob Casey U.S. Courthouse, 515 Rusk Avenue, Houston, TX 77002
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Number of Judgeships: 6

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Chief Deputy Clerk **David J. Bradley** (713) 250-5500

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Marvin Isgur

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Houston BA; Stanford MBA; Houston JD
Began Service: June 1, 2009

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Jeffery Bohm

Bankruptcy Judge

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Karen Kennedy Brown

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Pennsylvania 1970 BA; Houston 1973 JD

Began Service: April 2, 1990

Term Expires: April 2018

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John Brown (1973-1975); Law Clerk The Honorable Woodrow Seals (1975-1976)

Government: Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of Texas (1976-1982)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1984-1990); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1982-1984)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Houston Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Texas

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Letitia Z. Paul

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945

Education: Rice 1967 BA; Rutgers 1970 MA; Syracuse 1973 JD

Began Service: 1985

Term Expires: 2013

Government: Attorney, State of Texas (1974-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Texas, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1982-1985)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1976-1982)

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Richard S. Schmidt

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948

Education: New Mexico State 1970 BS; Texas 1973 JD

Began Service: July 31, 1987

Term Expires: July 30, 2015

Legal Practice: Partner, Smitherman, Lunn, Chastain & Hill (1978)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1973-1978); United States Air Force Reserve (1978-2005)

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Wesley W. Steen

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: LSU 1974 JD

Began Service: September 26, 1997

Term Expires: September 25, 2011

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1983-1987)

Legal Practice: Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazdessus (1974-1980); Wesley W. Steen, A Professional Law Corporation (1980-1983); Steen, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (1983-1984); Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (1988-1997)

Military Service: United States Navy (1968-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; College of the State Bar of Texas; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Began Service: 2008
Term Expires: 2012
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Number of Judgeships: 12

Number of Vacancies: 1

Areas Covered: Counties of Andrews, Atascosa, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brewster, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Comal, Coryell, Crane, Culberson, Dimmit, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Falls, Freestone, Frio, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Hill, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Llano, Loving, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, Medina, Midland, Milam, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Robertson, San Saba, Somervell, Terrell, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward, Washington, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler and Zavalla

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Walter S. Smith, Jr.

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940

Education: Baylor 1964 BA, 1966 JD

Began Service: October 6, 1984

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court (1980-1983); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1983-1984)

Legal Practice: Dunnam & Dunnam (1966-1969); Wallace & Smith (1969-1978); Haley, Fulbright (1978-1980)

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